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# HOUSE BILL No. 1259

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-19-7-1.

**Synopsis:** Approval of placement in proposed adoptive home. Provides that a licensed child placing agency or a county office of family and children shall approve the placement of a child in a proposed adoptive home if the proposed adoptive home has been approved in writing by another licensed child placing agency or county office of family and children not more than 12 months before the date of placement of the child in the proposed adoptive home and there has been no substantial change in the proposed adoptive home since the previous approval.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Human Affairs.

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First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 31-19-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. **(a)** Except:

(1) for:

(A) a child sought to be adopted by a stepparent;

(B) a child sought to be adopted by a blood relative; or

(C) a child received by the petitioner for adoption from an agency outside Indiana with the written consent of the division of family and children; or

(2) if the court in its discretion, after a hearing held upon proper notice, has waived the requirement for prior written approval; a child may not be placed in a proposed adoptive home without the prior written approval of a licensed child placing agency or county office of family and children approved for that purpose by the division of family and children.

**(b) A licensed child placing agency or county office of family and children described in subsection (a) shall approve the placement of a child in a proposed adoptive home if:**

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1 (1) another licensed child placing agency or county office of  
2 family and children approved by the division of family and  
3 children for the purpose of approving proposed adoptive  
4 homes has approved the proposed adoptive home:

5 (A) in writing; and

6 (B) not more than twelve (12) months before the date of  
7 placement of a child in the proposed adoptive home; and  
8 (2) there has been no substantial change in the proposed  
9 adoptive home since the approval given under subdivision (1).

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